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"Try not to become a man of success but rather try to become a man of value."

--Albert Einstein

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If you are involved in service-learning with Parkland students,

Garden Hills Homework Club Update

This semester, students and faculty of Parkland College will be working with 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders at the afterschool program at Garden Hills Elementary, the Homework Club. The Club, which is going into its sixth semester, is a partnership between Parkland College and Champaign School District 4. It will meet two days a week (Tuesdays and Thursdays), from 3:00-4:00 PM at Garden Hills. Parkland students have volunteered one day a week since the start of the program, providing not only academic support to the Garden Hills kids, but also serving as important role-models. As a result of our successes from previous semesters, we were given [national recognition](#) last Spring at the 2009 Service-Learning Collaboration Awards. Our primary goal for this semester is to expand the Homework Club, with more Parkland students and faculty, working with more Garden Hills students, and to involve different departments throughout the College who want to work with the children. For information about potentially connecting your class or club with the Garden Hills/Parkland College Homework Club next semester, please contact Brian Nudelman @ 351-2534.

American Diabetes Association Walk

Did you know that in the past twenty years, the death toll due to Diabetes has increased by 45 percent? The American Diabetes Association will be hosting its annual Diabetes Walk, "Step Out for Diabetes", on Sunday, October 4th at Hessel Park in Champaign. Registration for the Walk will begin at 9 AM and the Walk will begin at 10 AM. Proceeds raised for the Walk will go towards research in finding a cure for Diabetes. For more information on Diabetes, how to donate, or how to get involved with the Walk, go to [the Step Out website](#). Parkland College has also gathered a group of walkers for this year's event. For more information on how to join Parkland's team, please contact Jody Littleton.

Parkland's Volunteer Fair

Last Wednesday, September 9, Parkland hosted its bi-annual Volunteer Fair in the College Center. Over 20 different community organizations were in attendance, and an estimated 200+ of Parkland students, faculty, and staff signed up to volunteer. This was one of the largest turn-outs that the Fair has seen, and many students were anxious to get involved in some way. The Fair

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was rated successful by the organizations and attendees who came, and we are looking forward to an even better turnout next semester!

Women's Build for Habitat for Humanity

The women of Parkland College are assisting in a Habitat for Humanity build on Saturday, October 3 and on Saturday, November 7. The build is to create a new (and safe) home for Kia Young and her 3rd grade daughter Anajah, and is co-sponsored by Carle Hospital. Kia is a hardworking individual who has wanted nothing more but a safe and positive environment to raise her young daughter, and Habitat has given her that opportunity. At this Women's Build, women from all departments at Parkland are invited to help in the build of Kia's new home, which will be located at 1521 W. Healey in Champaign. All you need to bring is yourself, a pair of work gloves, and the proper attire; Habitat will provide any tools needed. You can sign up to work with the morning shift, afternoon shift, or all day. All skill levels are welcome to come! For more information on how to get involved, please contact Anna Maria Watkin.

Check Out the Service Learning Website!

Once again, we encourage you to take a look at the Service Learning Website. On it, you can look at upcoming events, read news about service learning on campus, and find current opportunities to work with community partners. A new portion of the site makes it simple to search for current opportunities in the area. You can [view the Service Learning Website here!](#)